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SENATE BILL NO. 205

Introduced by: Senators Shoener, Everist, and Thompson and Representatives Brooks, Cerny,
Jorgensen, and Koskan

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the use of photo radar equipment to identify
2 motor vehicles violating limited speed zones in highway work areas.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 32-25 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
5 follows:

6 The Highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation working jointly may utilize photo
7 radar equipment to identify motor vehicles violating limited speed zones in highway work areas
8 where work is actually being performed as established by § 32-25-19.1. The photograph or video
9 produced by the photo radar is admissible in evidence at trial for a violation of § 32-25-19.1 or
10 for the collection of the civil penalty provided in this section. If the operator of the motor vehicle
11 cannot be identified, the owner of the identified motor vehicle is civilly liable for a penalty in an
12 amount equivalent to the fine established by § 32-25-19.1. A citation issued as a result of the use
13 of photo radar shall be accompanied by a copy of the photograph or video produced showing
14 the motor vehicle license plate. Signs indicating that photo radar is being used shall be posted
15 in advance of the regulatory speed limit signs. Any agent or employee of the Department of

1 Transportation may issue a citation on a form promulgated pursuant to § 23-1A-2 to the driver
2 or owner of any vehicle for a violation of this section. The agent or employee is not considered
3 a law enforcement officer for the purposes of § 23-3-27.

4 The term, photo radar, means a device used primarily for highway speed limit enforcement
5 substantially consisting of a radar unit and still or video camera, which automatically produces
6 a photograph or video of a vehicle traveling in excess of the legal speed limit, with the vehicle's
7 speed, the date, time of day, and location of the violation printed on the photograph or video.